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ROAD LINKAGES TO NAXALITE AREAS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to link naxalite affected remote areas with highways to provide rapid access to paramilitary forces;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the funds earmarked and allocated for the purpose, State-wise; and

(d) the strategy to implement this project?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING,ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a), (b) & (c) The Ministry of Shipping, Road Transport and Highways (Department of Road Transport and Highways) is primarily responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways only. Twenty one sections of National Highways (NH) covering a total length of 1320.53 km have been identified in consultation with Ministry of Home Affairs and concerned State PWDs in Naxalite affected areas in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Uttar Pradesh to provide rapid access to paramilitary forces. State-wise National Highway details are given in Annex enclosed. For upgradation of the identified stretches, the tentative cost of Rs.1555.59 crore has been estimated. Presently, the development and the maintenance of National Highways are being done under Annual Plan from General Budgetary Support. Concerted efforts are being made to include and take up upgradation works of these NHs in the successive Annual Plans in a phased manner subject to availability of funds.

(d) The projects will be implemented through the designated executing agencies of the Ministry which in this case are Public Works Department of the respective State Governments and Border Roads Organization.